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In re Application of: Franc et al.

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For: NOVEL FORM OF IRBESARTAN,
METHODS FOR OBTAINING SAID FORM AND
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CONTAINING SAMEMail Stop AF
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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

This is in response to the final Office Action mailed on May 5, 2003 by the United States Patent and Trademark Office setting a three-month period for response which was set to expire on August 5, 2003. The three-month shortened statutory period for response is hereby extended by one month to September 5, 2003 pursuant to the Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) which is submitted herewith.

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8(a)

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